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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/680,798

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FOR: **DEVICE FOR CONNECTING  
TWO WORKSTATIONS WITH  
SEVERAL LINKS**

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SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated December 4, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 4, 2004. A request for one month extension of time and a check for the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith. No additional fees are believed to be required; however, in the event that additional fees are required, please charge any other fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 09-0457**.

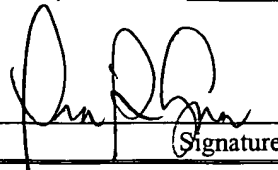
Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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